GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri P. Janardhana Rao, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nellore District (Retd.) - Trapped by the ACB officials on 16.05.2001 – Charged Sheet filed – Acquitted by the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nellore in C.C.No.17/2002 – Criminal Appeal No.782/2004 filed before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. – Dismissed - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 837.

Dated: 17.05.2012. Read the following:-

- 1. From the D.G., ACB, Hyderabad Lr.No.84/RCT.NNL/01,. dt. 19.01.2002.
- 2. G.O.Ms.No.133, PR&RD, dt. 19.04.2002.
- 3. Judgment dt. 27.11.2003 in C.C.No.17/2002 of Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nellore.
- 4. From the D.G., ACB, Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.84/RCT.NNL/01, dt. 03.01.2004.
- 5. Govt. Memo No.595/VS-I/A2/01-10, PR&RD, dt. 08.03.2004.
- From the D.G., ACB, Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.84/RCT-NNL/2001, dt. 12.09.2011.

ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri P. Janardhana Rao, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nellore District was trapped by the ACB officials on 16.05.2001 when he demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs.3000/- from the complainant Sri V. Venkateswarlu.

- 2. After examining the final report furnished by the D.G., ACB, Hyderabad in the reference 1^{st} read above, sanction was accorded for prosecution of Sri P. Janardhana Rao, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nellore District, in a Court of Law, vide reference 2^{nd} read above. Accordingly, the Bureau filed charge sheet against the A.O. on 24.02.2002 in the Court of Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nellore.
- 3. In the reference 3^{rd} read above, the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nellore pronounced judgement on 27.11.2003 in C.C.No.17/2002 finding that the accused officer is not guilty of the charges framed u/s 7 & 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of P.C. Act,1988 and accordingly acquitted him under section 248 (1) Cr.P.C.
- 4. In the reference 4th read above, the D.G, ACB requested the Government to accord permission to file an appeal against the orders of Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nellore. In the reference 5th read above, Government accorded permission to the D.G.,ACB to file an Appeal before the High Court of A.P. against the acquittal judgement of the trial court dt. 27.11.2003 in C.C.No.17/2002 and accordingly, the Bureau filed Criminal Appeal No.782/2004 before the Hon'ble High Court.
- 5. In the reference 6th read above, the D.G., ACB while furnishing the copy of the judgment of High Court of A.P., has informed that the Hon'ble High Court dismissed the Criminal Appeal No.782/2004 and confirmed acquittal of the accused officer Sri P. Janardhana Rao, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nellore District by the trial court. The D.G., ACB has also opined that there are no sufficient grounds to prefer an SLP against the acquittal juddgment of the High Court before Supreme Court.
- 6. Government, after careful examination of the matter in detail, have decided to drop further action against Sri P. Janardhana Rao, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nellore District (Retd.), keeping inview judgement of Trial Court/High Court and accordingly hereby drop further action against him.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.R. BISWAL PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P. Janardhana Rao, Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nellore District (Retd.) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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// FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER